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KAVALACTONES

Examiner:

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby invited to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a/b. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This application is a Rule 53(b) divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/923,462, filed on August 6, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,677,462. This application claims priority to all aforementioned applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

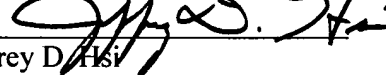
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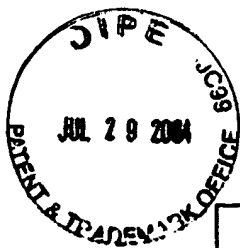
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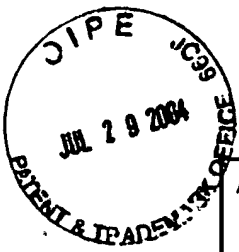
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